

Appl. No. 10/064,106
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REMARKS

1. Objection to the drawings:

5 The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.83(a).

Response:

10 The examiner stated that the drawings fail to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims and that the first symbol in claim 5 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). However, the first symbol “/L” in claim 5 is shown in the original figure 2 (key #). Removal of the objection to the drawings is hereby requested.

2. Rejection of claims 1-3 and claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), rejection of claims 5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and objection of claims 4, 6, and 12-20:

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Response:

20 Claims 2-4 are merged into claim 1 to form the currently amended claim 1, claims 2-4 are hereby canceled. Claim 5 is amended to depend on the currently amended claim 1. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Since claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, the currently amended claim 1 should be allowable. And since the currently amended claim 5, the original claims 6-20 are dependent on the currently amended claim 1, they should be allowable if the currently amended claim 1 is allowable. Allowance of the currently amended claims 1, 5 and the original claims 6-20 is hereby
25 requested.

3. Introduction of the new claim 21:

 The new claim 21 is introduced by merging claims 2, 5 and 6 into claim 1. No new

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matter is introduced. Since claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, the new claim 21 should be allowable. Allowance of the new claim 21 is hereby requested.

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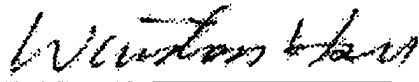
4. Introduction of the new claim 22:

The new claim 22 is introduced by merging claims 7, 10 and 12 into claim 1. No new matter is introduced. Since claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, the new claim 22 should be allowable. Allowance of the new claim 22 is hereby requested.

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Sincerely yours,

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